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Sir:

Responsive to the *Final* Office Action dated May 27, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination (RCE) and a petition for a one-month extension of time have been filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.